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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO SENEGAL ON LATEST WTO COTTON PROPOSAL

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1. (SBU) On March 7, Senior Commercial Officer raised the Cotton-4,s latest World Trade Organization (WTO) proposal (reftel) with Minister of Commerce Mamadou Diop Decroix. Decroix said he had discussed the proposal with representatives of the Cotton-4 in Ouagadougou and that Senegal fully supports the proposal. Moreover, Decroix insisted that the proposal did not represent a step backward from what had been agreed at Hong Kong. The Minister also highlighted Senegal,s support for an early end to U.S. subsidies.

2. (U) On March 9, when Charge and Senior Commercial Officer met with Minister Decroix on the margins of the very well attended &American Chamber of Commerce in Senegal,s8 public launch, Decroix said he looked forward to discussing cotton during his upcoming trip to Geneva.  
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